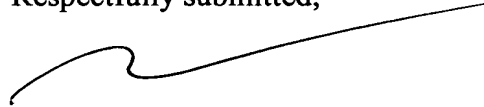


**REMARKS**

Claims 12 - 40 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 – 11 are canceled to eliminate multiple dependencies and claims 12 – 40 are new. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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